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Application of: NIEDERBERGER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3733

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 22, 2006 be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from August 22, 2006 to and including September 22, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$120. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 31, 2006

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